1936 to the extent it is applicable, the Central Government is the appropriate authority for initiating action for non depositing of CPF contributions regularly. The employees Provident Fund Organisation has already initiated necessary legal and penal action in the case of units other those referred to BIFR.

Depleting cattle stock leads to soaring Import Bill

*393. SHRI KRISHAN LAL SHARMA: Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the fast depleting stock of cattle in the country has led to soaring bills of the import of dung, pesticides, wool and fertilisers;

(b) whether it is also a fact that for every Rupees 1 crore earned through meat export the country is losing as much as Rupees 15 crores;

(c) if so, the justification of the export of meat;

(d) whether Government also propose to reconsider this aspect of the export with a view to avoiding adverse fall in country's foreign exchange reserves; and

(e) if so, by when a decision is likely to be taken in this matter?

THE MINISTER OF COMMERCE (SHRI PRANAB MUKHERJEE): (a) According to the Animal Census conducted in 1982 and 1987, the stock of cattle in the country is increasing.

(b) and (c) No, Sir.

(d) and (e) Export of beef is totally banned. Export of meat and animal bye-products like leather and leather goods earn valuable foreign exchange and generate employment. Further, export of meat from buffaloes used for breeding and milch purposes is banned.

Postponement of Coffee Board Auction

*394. SHRI SURESH KALMADI: Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Sixteenth Common Coffee Board auction fixed for Wednesday, the 3rd August, 1994 was postponed;

(b) if so, what are the reasons therefor; and

(c) whether any such auction had earlier been postponed and if so, details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF COMMERCE (SHRI PRANAB MUKHERJEE): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. The common auction scheduled for 3rd August, 1994 could not be conducted since some of the dealers particularly exporters had boycotted the auction protesting about the delay in issue of export permits by the Coffee Board. The domestic dealers also joined them and did not participate in the auction.

(c) The 15th common auction scheduled for Wednesday, the 20th July, 1994 could not be conducted since all the domestic market dealers boycotted the auction protesting against reserve prices fixed by the Coffee Board for that day's auction. The exporters also had joined the domestic dealers in boycot.

देश में दुर्घटना प्रवण खानें

*395. **चौधरी हरमोहन सिंह:**
श्री आस मोहम्मद:

क्या श्रम मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि:

(क) क्या सरकार ने देश में दुर्घटना प्रवण खानों का पता लगवाया है;

(ख) यदि हां, तो वे खानें कौन-कौन सी हैं; और

(ग) क्या यह सच है कि 1989—93 के दौरान जिन कोयला कम्पनियों की कोयला खानों में दुर्घटना घटित हुई थी उनके विरुद्ध अब तक कोई कार्रवाई नहीं की गई है?